



Florence "Flossie" R. Lefever

December 26, 1921 - July 6, 2017

Funeral Services for Flossie will be held on Wednesday, July 12, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Geneva, Nebraska with Pastor Stuart Davis officiating.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, July 11, 2017 from 1:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. with the family present from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at Farmer & Son Funeral Home in Geneva.

Graveside Services will be conducted at the Geneva Public Cemetery following the funeral service.

Memorials are to be directed to the First Congregational United Church of Christ or to the family for a later designation.

Florence R. "Flossie" Lefever was born December 26, 1921, at the family farm home in Madison Township, Fillmore County, Ne., to Harvey B. Garrett and Ida May Theobald Garrett. She passed away July 6, 2017, at Heritage Crossings in Geneva, at the age of 95 years, six months, and ten days.

Florence joined siblings, Kathleen and Harlan. In 1927, a brother Richard was welcomed into the family; however, Ida May died two weeks after his birth leaving Kathleen to become the mother figure. Harvey, finding himself not able

to care for a baby and the three older children, made the painful decision to allow Ida's sister, Tillie Theobald Brower and husband Harry to raise the baby. Growing up on the farm she enjoyed playing with many cousins in the area and from Wyoming and Iowa.

She attended District 3 through the eighth grade and graduated from Geneva High School with the class of 1938.

She belonged to the Congregational Church in Geneva for over 75 years.

On June 9, 1940, she married Warren "Flunky" Lefever of Geneva in Shelby at the Evangelical United Brethren parsonage by the Rev. Plymesser.

They lived with her father east of Geneva for the first year of their marriage until Warren's parents, John and Nora Lefever, and two of his siblings left Nebraska in 1941 to farm in Missouri and they moved west of Geneva. It was there that their family grew to include Ken, Jo Ann and Beth.

She assisted Warren as a farm wife, loving every minute of that life.

Her father remarried in 1944 and she became a daughter to Viola Bender Garrett.

She belonged to the Congregational Women's Fellowship, taught Sunday School and served on the Geneva High School Alumni Association Directory Committee, later as chairman.

She and Warren belonged to the Geneva Community Grange where she held many local and state offices. While Warren was Master of Grange he formed a committee which included themselves, Darrel and Jean Hughes and Guy and Lorene Brown to begin compiling a history of Fillmore County. The three couples traversed the county during the day gathering information and came

together in the evenings to begin sorting what they had collected. Florence's cousin, UNL Professor Wilbur G. Gaffney, was the editor. All of their hard work over numerous years resulted in the blue book called "The Fillmore County Story."

She and Warren moved to Geneva in 1977 and they embraced town life. Warren died in 1995 leaving her alone, but she found joy in going to coffee downtown and later at Heritage, where she found a whole new family to love.

She moved to Heritage Crossings Assisted Living in May 2014 and then to skilled care for the last eight months where she received loving care. She acquired nicknames, "Fossil" and "Flossie R-e-ebecca" by two special women in her life there. She loved to play cards and played in two groups at Heritage.

Her family was the greatest joy of her life and when grandchildren and then great-grandchildren began arriving she was overjoyed. She greatly enjoyed attending activities of the grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was lovingly called "Grammy," "Grammy Flo" or "Flobee."

She formed many lasting friendships throughout her life and each was special to her.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Warren; parents, step mother, sister, Kathleen (Jesse) Richards; brothers, Harlan (Margie) Garrett and Richard Brower; nephews, Robert Richards and Jesse Richards; brothers-in-law, John (Lena) Lefever, Wayne (Pat) Lefever and John Vance.

Florence is survived by son, Ken, and wife Sandra; daughters, Jo Ann and husband John Edgecombe, all of Geneva; and Beth Lefever of Hastings; grandchildren, John Lefever of Lincoln, Nathan (Chelsey) Lefever of Geneva, and Daniel Lefever of Kansas City, Mo.; James (Michelle) Edgecombe of

Minden, Michael (Abbe) Edgecombe of Hickman; Brent Hultine of Hastings and Aimee (Jeff) Schlegel of Lincoln; great-grandchildren, Olivia Lefever; Cooper, Hudson, Lawson and Piper Lefever; Grant and Benjamin Edgecombe; Lauren and Shaun Edgecombe, Anna, Katie, Luke and Riley Boonstra; Morgan Framke, and Nora, Elliot and Isaac Schlegel; sisters-in-law, Jean Vance of Levittown, Pa., and Dorothy Brower of Gering, many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Cemetery Details

Geneva Public Cemetery

Geneva, NE 68361

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 11. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Farmer & Son Funeral Home
242 N 10th Street
Geneva, NE 68361
(402) 759-3617
<https://farmerandsonfuneralhome.com>

Family Present for Visitation

JUL 11. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

JUL 12. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Congregational United Church of Christ
906 H Street
Geneva, NE 68361

Tribute Wall



“ I worked for Apley's Chrysler Plymouth Dodge back in the late 80's and early 90's until they closed. Flunky and Flossie were fantastic customers and also picked up vehicles from the auction and other locations for the dealership. I loved them both! I recall one day Flossie telling me she had just had quite an experience while leaving Hilty's grocery store. She got in her dark red mini van and drove down the street. After a short distance she wondered why Flunky had put so much stuff in the van. It was then she realized she was not in her van. She had taken someone else's van quite by mistake. She was in a panic to get it back and park it before someone realized it was gone. You have to love Geneva where everyone left their keys in the ignition. My condolences to her family. I have very fond memories of her!

John Hanson - July 21, 2017 at 10:41 AM

JE

Sorry to be behind on acknowledging your post. Your story made me laugh. She and Dad really enjoyed picking up the vehicles at the auction. Thank you for your comments

Jo Lefever Edgecombe - March 13, 2018 at 12:34 AM

TF

“ We knew Flossie & Flunky through the NE. State Grange. We've exchanged Christmas letters over the past many years & Flossie was always enthused to hear about our family and to tell about hers. I remember her quick laugh & mischievous nature. Your family has our sincere sympathy in your loss. Family in Christ, Tammy&Joe Fryman

Tammy Fryman - July 17, 2017 at 02:58 PM

JE

Thank you Tammy. You know how much she loved Grange. Beth and I thought the memorial service for her was very moving. — Jo Lefever Edgecombe

Jo Lefever Edgecombe - March 13, 2018 at 12:36 AM



“ 57 files added to the album Flower Arrangements



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - July 12, 2017 at 04:04 PM

MS

“ *Florence was a very interesting and fun person. I remember when she was an officer of the Nebraska State Grange. I also remember her husband, who did all the fetch and carry, for her. Many fond memories of them. Margaret Smith*

Margaret Smith - July 11, 2017 at 10:06 AM

JE

Thank you Margaret. She always enjoyed your husband's Christmas letter and she loved Grange! — Jo Lefever Edgecombe

Jo Lefever Edgecombe - March 13, 2018 at 12:38 AM

ME

“ We will miss Flossie, she was a fun lady to be around! Cherish all the great memories❤️

Mark, Sarah, Brandon & Ethan - July 10, 2017 at 03:09 PM

JE

Thank you!

Jo Ann Edgecombe - November 16, 2017 at 03:55 PM

OC

“ Our Deepest Condolences purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Florence "Flossie" R. Lefever.



Our Deepest Condolences - July 10, 2017 at 02:45 PM

LB

“ My thoughts and prayers to the Lefever family with your loss. She was an amazing woman and such a good friend to my dad Charlie. Always had a mischievous little glint in her eye. May you be comforted by your memories of her.
My deepest sympathies, Lorri Barbur Burns

Lorri Burns - July 09, 2017 at 09:04 AM

JE

Thank you Lorri. She was a good friend with your dad and then it passed down to your brother, Charlie. Thank you for your comments.

Jo Lefever Edgecombe - March 13, 2018 at 12:41 AM

KT

“ *Kent & Rose Theobald lit a candle in memory of Florence "Flossie" R. Lefever*



Kent & Rose Theobald - July 07, 2017 at 09:21 PM

JE

Thank you Kent and Rose!

Jo Lefever Edgecombe - March 13, 2018 at 12:41 AM

CB

“ *FLOSSIE & I SHARED A BIRTHDAY. DEC 26. IN LATER YEARS SHE WOULD ALWAYS SEND ME A CARD & I WOULD PRESENT HER WITH A ROSE OR 2 IN A VASE. WE WOULD SHARE A LAUGH OR 2 & SHE WOULD FILL ME IN WITH HER " NEWS " & I WOULD SHARE MY NEWS WITH HER . I ALWAYS ENJOYED SEEING HER AT CHURCH & VISITING WITH HER. SHE HAD A MIND OF HER OWN & WASN'T AFRAID TO TELL YOU WHAT SHE THOUGHT! SHE WAS A VERY SPECIAL LADY & WILL BE MISSED!
GOD'S COMFORT TO ALL OF YOU,
CHARLIE BARBUR*

CHARLIE BARBUR - July 07, 2017 at 03:04 PM

JE

Thank you Charlie for your kind words. She always enjoyed visiting with you. She did have a mind of her own! — Jo Ann

Jo Lefever Edgecombe - March 13, 2018 at 12:49 AM

MB

“ We're so very sorry for your loss.
Flossie will truly be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Sincerely,

Marvin & Bridgette (Flohrs) Brummer

Marv & Bridgette Brummer - July 07, 2017 at 02:07 PM

JE

Thank you Marv & Birdgette. — Jo Lefever Edgecombe

Jo Lefever Edgecombe - March 13, 2018 at 12:49 AM